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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Janet Cornelius, who passed away on September 19, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Janet Cornelius was born on January 20, 1938 in Danville; her parents were Heye J. and Mary Ellen (nee Michael) Duitsman; she married Eldred J. Cornelius on June 10, 1956 in Royal; and

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WHEREAS, Janet Cornelius attended Ogden High School and earned her bachelor's degree, master's degree, and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Janet Cornelius taught history and served as an administrator at Danville Area Community College, where she was named Faculty of the Year in 1996; she also taught at the University of Illinois, Eastern Illinois University, and the University of St. Francis; and

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WHEREAS, Janet Cornelius was the author of four books on Illinois Constitutions, literacy, slavery and religion, and women in Danville, as well as numerous book reviews and articles in historical journals; and

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1 WHEREAS, Janet Cornelius served on the Illinois Archives
2 Board and the Illinois Historical Society Board and served as
3 president of the Danville branch of the American Association of
4 University Women; she was also a member of St. John Lutheran
5 Church in Royal, where she served on the church council and the
6 synod's Global Mission Committee as world hunger coordinator;
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8 WHEREAS, Janet Cornelius enjoyed the farm, traveling, and
9 reading; she loved music passionately, becoming a regular
10 patron of Krannert Center for the Performing Arts and the Lyric
11 Opera of Chicago and singing for many in the Oratorio Society
12 at the University of Illinois; she traveled to Canada for its
13 annual Shakespeare festival and promoted the arts wherever she
14 could; she and her husband also enjoyed a home in Venice,
15 Florida in their retirement years, where they became avid Tampa
16 Bay Rays baseball fans, and walking on the beach; and

17 WHEREAS, Janet Cornelius is survived by her brother, John
18 (Monika) Duitsman; her daughters, Kristin (Michael) Camp and
19 Valerie (Larry) Viverito; her sons, Eric Cornelius and Kent
20 (Mickey) Cornelius; her 9 grandchildren; and her 9
21 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her

1 family and friends, mourn the passing of Janet Cornelius; and
2 be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Janet Cornelius as an expression of
5 our sympathy.